



STATE RETIREMENT
and PENSION SYSTEM
of MARYLAND

Pre-Retirement seminars slated for State Agency, State University employees

Sessions offered from Frostburg to Salisbury

STATE EMPLOYEES WITHIN EIGHT YEARS of retirement should make plans now to attend an upcoming Pre-Retirement Seminar hosted by the State Retirement Agency of Maryland.

A new season of information-packed seminars is now underway, with sessions scheduled from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore. Please use the registration form on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter to reserve a seat at the location of your choice. This registration form is also available from your Retirement Coordinator and on the Internet at www.sra.state.md.us.

Pre-Retirement Seminars provide participants with a detailed explanation of the retirement process. Specially trained speakers at these events lead discussions on State pension benefits, the State's supplemental retirement plans, legal issues, Social Security and State health insurance for retirees.

To attend this seminar, you must be a Maryland State Agency or State University employee *and* be within eight years of retirement. Your spouse is welcome to attend with you. Signed inter-

preters can be provided on request.

For more information, please contact the Retirement Agency at 410-625-5555 or toll free at 1-800-492-5909.

Seminar attendees are talking!

- Lots of good information. A day well spent. I would recommend that everyone take advantage of this seminar.
- Sessions were very useful, helpful and entertaining. Good job.
- I'm glad I came. There was a lot of information given that I had no idea I should be considering before deciding to retire.
- Great program. I feel much better about the possibilities. Learned a lot!
- All of the speakers presented the information with clarity and in a meaningful way.
- Excellent, balanced program.



The seminar described in this newsletter is for state employees only.

Pre-retirement videos bring practical information to the small screen

IF YOU'RE BEGINNING TO THINK ABOUT RETIREMENT

, now is the time to watch one of the State Retirement Agency's informational pre-retirement videos. These videos answer the questions most frequently asked by members nearing retirement and are available for viewing from your Retirement Coordinator.

Charting Your Course, a pre-retirement video for members of the Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems, provides an overview of the steps one should take for a smooth transition into retirement. Presented in a concise question-and-answer format, this video provides a wealth of information in just over 22 minutes.

Questions answered in *Charting Your Course* include:

- When can I retire with full benefits?
- How much money will I get when I retire?
- Which payment option is right for me and my beneficiaries?
- Can I continue my health insurance during retirement?

- What forms do I need to fill out?
- What do I need to know during retirement?

For State Troopers and law enforcement officers, special versions of *Charting Your Course* are available. Like the Employees' and Teachers' version, these two videos provide clear answers to real members' questions about retirement. These videos also include valuable information on the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) and other benefits available to troopers and officers.

A companion handbook highlighting key information contained in the videos is available upon request.

Employees and teachers considering disability retirement also have a video designed just for them. At just over 20 minutes in length, *Your Disability Retirement Benefits* explains how to file for disability, the claims evaluation process and the benefits available to members whose claims are approved.

To view any of these informational videos, contact your Retirement Coordinator in your employer's personnel or human resources department.



State of Maryland Pre-Retirement Planning Seminars – Spring 2005

(For State Agency/State University Employees Only)

State employees within eight years of retirement and their spouses are eligible to attend the following one-day seminars which begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. **Please place "1" (first choice) and "2" (second choice) next to the seminar you wish to attend.** A letter of confirmation will be sent no later than seven business days prior to your scheduled date.

UC__ February 18 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD	UK__ April 4 (Monday) Eastern Shore Hospital Center Cambridge, MD	US__ May 11 (Wednesday) Prince George's Community College Largo, MD
UD__ February 23 (Wednesday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD	UL__ April 6 (Wednesday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD	UT__ May 19 (Thursday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD
UE__ February 28 (Monday) Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD	UM__ April 8 (Friday) Towson University Towson, MD	UU__ May 25 (Wednesday) Western Maryland Hospital Center Hagerstown, MD
UF__ March 10 (Thursday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD	UN__ April 20 (Wednesday) Frederick Community College Frederick, MD	UV__ June 3 (Friday) Salisbury University Salisbury, MD
UG__ March 18 (Friday) CCBC, Owings Mills Center Owings Mills, MD	UO__ April 28 (Thursday) Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD	UW__ June 7 (Tuesday) Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD
UH__ March 24 (Thursday) Department of Agriculture Annapolis, MD	UP__ May 3 (Tuesday) Harford Community College Bel Air, MD	UX__ June 10 (Friday) 300 W. Preston Street Baltimore, MD
UI__ March 29 (Tuesday) College of Southern Maryland La Plata, MD	UQ__ May 4 (Wednesday) Department of Natural Resources Annapolis, MD (LEOPS Only)	UY__ June 13 (Monday) CCBC, Essex Campus Essex, MD
UJ__ March 31 (Thursday) Frostburg University Frostburg, MD	UR__ May 10 (Tuesday) Howard Co. Dept. of Social Services Columbia, MD	

See page 4 for Registration Information.

State of Maryland Pre-Retirement Planning

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Registration Form – Spring 2005

Please print all information:

NAME _____
Last First Middle Initial

ADDRESS _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

EMPLOYER _____
County/City Agency Location

WORK PHONE _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

FAX NUMBER _____

WHEN ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE? 1 yr____ 2 yr____ 3 yr____ 4 yr____ 5 yr____ 6 yr____ 7 yr____ 8 yr____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ Mo. Day Yr. _____ Male _____ Female

Please indicate any special assistance required for a handicapped condition. _____

Will spouse attend? Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, please complete the following information:

Spouse Information				
Last name	First	Middle Initial	Social Security No.	Birth Date

Employee's Signature _____ Date _____
(I authorize CCBC to release this information to the State of Maryland.)

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

(Please be sure to fill out and submit both sides of form)

The Community College of Baltimore County
Pre-Retirement Planning Registration, N106
7201 Rossville Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21237

OR FAX TO:
Fax number: 410-780-6856
Attention: Sarah Cullip

For information call: 410-780-6632

For Office Use Only:
Course # MAN 969 _____

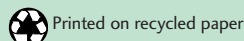
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